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PART I - BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

1 - 3 JAN 70	Athens, Greece
3-7 JAN 70	At sea
5-11 JAN 70	Palma, Mallorca
11-17 JAN 70	At sea
17-21 JAN 70	Pollensa Bay, Mallorca
21-22 JAN 70	At sea
22-31 JAN 70	Barcelona, Spain
31 JAN - 7 FEB 70	At sea
7-10 FEB 70	Naples, Italy
10 FEB 70	Collision with SS MAUTRIC
10-22 FEB 70	Naples, Italy
22-24 FEB 70	At sea
24-27 FEB 70	Soudha Bay, Crete
27 FEB - 3 MAR 70	At sea
3-9 MAR 70	Brindisi, Italy
9-14 MAR 70	At sea
14-17 MAR 70	Leros, Greece
17-18 MAR 70	At sea
18-20 MAR 70	Iraklion, Crete
20-24 MAR 70	At sea
24-27 MAR 70	Soudha Bay, Crete (ORI)
27-28 MAR 70	At Sea
28 MAR - 3 APR 70	Athens, Greece
3-9 APR 70	At sea
9-18 APR 70	Valencia, Spain
18-23 APR 70	At sea
23 APR - 4 MAY 70	Civitavecchia, Italy
4-9 MAY 70	At sea
9 MAY 70	Porto Vecchio, Louo Santo, Corsica
9-11 MAY 70	At sea
11-12 MAY 70	Pollensa Bay, Mallorca
12-13 MAY 70	At sea
23 MAY - 6 JUL	Mayport, Fla.
6-8 JUL 70	At sea
8 JUL - 6 AUG 70	Newport, R.I.
6-10 AUG 70	At sea
10 AUG - 14 SEP 70	Mayport, Fla.
14-19 SEP 70	RIMEX 1-71
19 SEP - 19 NOV 70	At sea
20 NOV - 31 DEC 70	ROH, Charleston, S.C.

PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE

1 January through 12 May 1970, found ADAMS on the last five months of her Mediterranean deployment with the Sixth Fleet. During this period ADAMS conducted various operations as part of CPG-60, which in part included General Quarters, refueling and replenishing of stores and ammunition, vertical operations, and a recovery of a downed pilot on 26 February 1970. Conducted several gun shoots and a missile fire, participated in National Week and Joint Allied exercises.

Upon return from the Mediterranean on 23 May 1970, ADAMS commenced a well deserved leave and upkeep period in Mayport, Florida.

During July and August, ADAMS visited Newport, Rhode Island, to serve as Destroyer Engineering School ship. Midshipmen were embarked during July and August.

On 14 September, ADAMS departed for RIMEX 1-71 in the Caribbean, conducting missile firing and gun shoots. Upon returning to Mayport on 19 September, ADAMS began her preparations for ROH at Charleston while undergoing TAV in homeport. On 26 November, ADAMS departed Mayport, Florida for Charleston, S.C., for a six month ROH.

While in ROH, ADAMS is conducting training, schooling and other various tasks which will enable the crew and the ship to better prepare themselves for an upcoming Refresher Training at CPMO and a STANAVFOR deployment in early 1972.

USS CHARLES F. ADAMS is currently assigned as part of COMUSMACV FIGHT and Commanded by Commander George C. GATHE, USN.

PART III - Documentary Annexes

- Annex A - Biography of Commander George C. GATJE, U.S. Navy,  
Commanding Officer, USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2)
- Annex B - Biography of Lieutenant Commander Robert H. PIDGEON,  
U.S. Navy, Executive Officer, USS CHARLES F. ADAMS  
(DDG 2)
- Annex C - Photograph of Commander George C. GATJE, U.S. Navy
- Annex D - Photograph of Lieutenant Commander Robert H. PIDGEON,  
U.S. Navy
- Annex E - Photograph of USS CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2)
- Annex F - Muster Roll of officers for calendar year 1970



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PART I - BRIEF CHRONOLOGY

1 JAN 71 - 8 JUN 71	ROH Charleston, S.C.
8 JUN 71 - 10 JUN 71	At Sea
10 JUN 71 - 22 JUN 71	Mayport, Florida
22 JUN 71 - 25 JUN 71	At Sea
25 JUN 71 - 28 JUN 71	Roosevelt Roads, P. R.
28 JUN 71 - 2 JUL 71	At Sea (WSPT)
2 JUL 71 - 13 JUL 71	Mayport, Florida
13 JUL 71 - 16 JUL 71	At Sea
16 JUL 71 - 19 JUL 71	Mayport, Florida
19 JUL 71 - 21 JUL 71	At Sea
21 JUL 71 - 14 AUG 71	Mayport, Fla./V/W Daily Sea Ops
14 AUG 71 - 16 AUG 71	At Sea
16 AUG 71 - 19 AUG 71	Port Everglades, Fla.
19 AUG 71 - 23 AUG 71	At Sea
23 AUG 71 - 20 SEP 71	REFTRA GTMO
20 SEP 71 - 22 SEP 71	At Sea
22 SEP 71 - 24 SEP 71	Roosevelt Roads, R. R.
24 SEP 71 - 28 SEP 71	RIMEX 1-72
28 SEP 71 - 29 SEP 71	Roosevelt Roads, P. R.
29 SEP 71	Change of Command
29 SEP 71 - 1 OCT 71	At Sea
1 OCT 71 - 23 OCT 71	Mayport, Florida
23 OCT 71 - 25 OCT 71	At Sea
25 OCT 71 - 26 OCT 71	Newport, R.I.
26 OCT 71 - 29 OCT 71	DESCOL OPS
29 OCT 71 - 1 NOV 71	Newport, R.I.
1 NOV 71 - 5 NOV 71	DESCOL OPS
5 NOV 71 - 8 NOV 71	Halifax, Nova Scotia
8 NOV 71 - 12 NOV 71	DESCOL OPS
12 NOV 71 - 14 NOV 71	At Sea
14 NOV 71 - 31 DEC 71	Mayport, Florida - POM
22 NOV 71 - 24 NOV 71	INSURV Inspection
8 DEC 71 - 10 DEC 71	NWAI

Enclosure (1)

## PART II - BASIC NARRATIVE

From the 1st of January through the beginning of June, the CHARLES F. ADAMS was completing her overhaul period in Charleston Naval Shipyard. During the overhaul much-needed repairs were made to her engineering plant, electronics, weapons systems, and general refurbishment of her interior and exterior spaces. Improvements and alterations were effected in the TARTAR missile system, SONAR system, communications and electronics warfare equipment. Since more than half of the crew would be transferred during this period, ADAMS had to plan an extensive training and school schedule in order to maintain the necessary training and proficiency levels during this long period with no operational training opportunities. Immediately after completion of the overhaul on 6 June, ADAMS began SHIPS QUALIFICATION TRIALS (SQT), in the Caribbean area, which certified the accuracy and reliability of her Tartar Missile System.

As June, July and August passed, ADAMS was underway daily to conduct engineering drills, weapon tests and general drills to insure that equipment and men would be ready for Refresher Training. In early August, ADAMS conducted RAVIR training for all CIC and missile system personnel.

On 16 August, ADAMS arrived at Port Everglades, Florida, to commence Sensor Systems Alignment prior to departure for the FORACS RANGE at Andros Island. Upon completion of the FORACS TEST RANGE, ADAMS proceeded to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba for a four-week modified Refresher Training.

At Guantanamo Bay, the ship endured long hours of simulated war time conditions. Some of the exercises that the ship conducted were low visibility navigation, swept channel navigation, AAW, ASW, surface gunnery shoots, naval gunfire support, and various communications, engineering, damage control and electronics exercises. On 21 September, the ADAMS replenished from the USS BUTTE (AE 27) marking the last exercise for REFTRA. Captain CALLAWAY, senior observer for the final battle problem, made the following statements at the critique, "The medical department's grade of outstanding is the highest grade attained by any ship in the last nine months. The engineering grade of excellent was the highest grade for a DD type ship since I have been here. ADAMS is one of the rare ships to pass the difficult test of electronics warfare..."

On 22 September, the ADAMS qualified in NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT at Culebra Island. With Refresher Training and other qualifications completed, ADAMS was prepared for RIMEX 1-72 on the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range. Finally the crew and ship had the chance to prove their abilities. Five out of eight missiles were hits. RADM WALLACE, Commander Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla TWELVE, made the following comments; "...I was certainly pleased with obvious major efforts being made by your Weapons Department to correct your launcher problem."

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"My congratulations to your fine Engineers not only for their performance in Refresher Training but for the condition and appearance of their spaces..."

At the finish of RIMEX 1-72, Commander G. C. GATJE was relieved by Commander B Bruce NEWELL as Commanding Officer.

On 29 September, after eight weeks away from friends and family, the men looked forward to the trip home. They could look back with pride at the intensive training period they had completed. In a short period of time, ADAMS had left Guantanamo Bay with some of the highest grades in ECM, Medical, and Engineering in the past two years, and made a commendable showing at RIMEX 1-72.

At the end of October ADAMS was assigned as schoolship for 30 destroyer school students and their instructors. Most of these officers have had previous experience on destroyers, and upon completion of the cruise they would report to destroyers for tours as department heads. The cruise training period covered damage control drills, engineering casualty control drills, IFF-SIF familiarization, naval gunfire support indoctrination, ASW exercises and underway replenishment with the USS MILWAUKEE (AOR 2). Captain HAMM, Commanding Officer of the Destroyer School, made the following remarks in a message to ADAMS' Commanding Officer: "The students were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm of the crew, your desire to help, the preparations of the shipboard instructors and your overall appearance."

On 14 November, ADAMS returned to Mayport. Before the ADAMS could be considered ready for deployment with Standing NATO Naval Force, she would have administration and material inspections, INSURV inspection, Naval Ordnance Support Office Atlantic inspection, Nuclear Weapons Acceptance inspection, and Planned Maintenance System (PMS) inspection. The PMS inspectors found ADAMS only the third CRUDESANT ship to pass in a year.

Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT held his change of command on ADAMS on 17 December. Commander United States Second Fleet was the guest speaker. The remainder of the year was spent making final preparations for the forthcoming deployment as a member of Standing Naval Force.

The CHARLES F. ADAMS is assigned to Commander Destroyer Squadron EIGHT and Cruiser Destroyer Flotilla TWELVE, homeported in Mayport, Florida.